

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 50.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 288,936.7

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd
April, 1881.....Tls. 938,936.7

DIRECTORS.
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. DAVIS, Esq. W. M. MEYERINK, Esq.
J. H. PINCKVOS, Esq. F. D. HITCH, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARNES BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent.
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
on shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed
among all Contributors of Business in
proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [153]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED).....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 15th February, 1882. [81]

LE CERCLE TRANSPORTS.

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCE
MARITIME MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....15,000,000 Francs.
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....3,750,000 Francs.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to
GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [4]

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £2,000,000; PAID-UP.....£200,000.
PAID UP RESERVE FUND.....£50,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [165]

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
ACCEPT FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current
Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

To be Let.

TO LET.

A LARGE GRANITE GODOWN, in "BLUE
BUILDINGS," Praya East, with immediate
possession.

Apply to
J. M. GUEDES.

33, WELLINGTON-STREET,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1882. [49]

TO BE LET,
FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1882;

THAT LARGE and COMMODIOUS HOUSE,
No. 8, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, at present in
the occupation of Mr. J. D. HUTCHISON.

Apply to
J. A. CARVALHO.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1882. [147]

TO LET.

OFFICES IN No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1882. [74]

Intimations.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [6]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND
PORTER.

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS'
MERCHANT NAVY
NAVY DOILED
LONG FLAX
CROWN

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [5]

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [13]

For Sale.

H. FOURNIER & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE, JUST RECEIVED, EX
FRENCH MAIL STEAMER
A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF
FANCY GOODS.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
FANCY PLAYING CARDS.
CRACKERS. BONBONS (Assorted).
CHOCOLATE CREAM.

CHOCOLATE MENIER.
H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
FIGS. MALAGA RAISINS.
TABLE PLUMS.

FRUITS IN JUICE (Assorted).
CONFITURES DE ST. JAMES
(in Bottles and Tins).

SIRUPS (Assorted).
HUNTLY and PALMER'S DISCUTTS.
ALMONDS and NUTS.

VANILLA. PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
NOIX DE VEAU TRUFFEE (in Tins).
COTELETTE DE VEAU (in Tins).

VEAU ROTI. RIS DE VEAU (in Tins).
FRICANDEAU (Assorted). TRUFFES.

VEGETABLES (Assorted).
ANCHOVIES in Oil. CAVIAR.

SARDINES in Lemon Juice.
SARDINES in Tomatoes.

SARDINES in Oil.
H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
FRENCH and ENGLISH MUSTARD.

SAUSAGES (Assorted).
LYONS SAUSAGES.

FRENCH & SPANISH OLIVES.
FRENCH IS GNY BUTTER (in 1 and
2 lbs. Tins).

MACCARONI (Assorted) Paste for
Soups, Letters, stars, &c. TAPIOCA.

FINE-GROUND MOCHA COFFEE.
H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
AN ASSORTMENT OF CHEESE.

GRUYERE, ROQUEFORT,
DUTCH, CALIFORNIA, CREAM.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
FRENCH TOBACCO AND
CIGARETTES.

ASSORTED PERFUMERY
FROM PARIS and PIERRE OF PARIS.

A large quantity of
FRENCH MINERAL WATERS
in Pints of 100 bottles per Case.

CORK STOPPERS,
for Soda and other Bottles.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
AN ASSORTMENT OF CLARETS

In Bottles and Wood.
CHATEAU LAROSE.

CHATEAU LAFFITTE.
CHATEAU MARGAUX.

ST. EMILION. MEDOC.
H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
AN ASSORTMENT OF WINES.

SAUTERNE. PORTO. SHERRY.
MARSALA.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
A SHIPMENT OF BRANDY.

FRENCH COGNAC and ABSINTHE.
H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
AN ASSORTMENT OF LIQUEURS.

CHARTREUSE (Pints and Quarts).
BENEDICTINE (Pints and Quarts).

MARASCHINO. CURACAO.
ANISETTE (Mario Brigard).

ANGOSTURA BITTERS.
BOKER'S BITTERS.

KIRSCHWASSER. PEPPERMINT.
VERMOUTH (Nolly Pray).

VERMOUTH (Turino).
H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
A LARGE STOCK OF FANCY SILK

UMBRELLAS.
H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets.

H. FOURNIER AND COMPANY

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
A VARIETY OF OTHER GOODS.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Corner of D'Aguiar and Wellington-streets,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1882. [17]

Intimations.

SALE & CO'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY INTEND HAVING
THEIR
GREAT CLEARANCE SALE
DURING
THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES AT REDUCED PRICES.

TOYS WILL BE SOLD AT HALF-PRICE.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, January 30th, 1882. [79]

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE ON HAND THE FOLLOWING OPERAS WITH COMPLETE VOCAL
SCORES—

Il Trovatore (Verdi).....\$1.50 Bohemian Girl (Delfe).....\$1.50 Grand Duchess (Offenbach).....\$1.50
La Traviata (Verdi).....\$1.50 Il Barbiere (Rossini).....\$1.50 Dinorah (Meyerbeer).....\$1.50
Der Freischutz (Weber).....\$1.50 Le Nozze di Figaro (Mozart).....\$1.50 Lily of Killarney (Hendell).....\$1.50
Faust (Gounod).....\$1.50 Fra Diavolo (Auber).....\$1.50 Madame Angot (Lecocq).....\$1.50
Rigoletto (Verdi).....\$1.50 Don Giovanni (Mozart).....\$1.50
LIBRETTO OF IL TROVATORE, 50 CENTS.
ONLY A FEW COPIES IN STOCK.

NEW SONGS.

Gipsy John.....Whyte Melville.
Doubting Love.....Mora.
My Prince.....Percy Reeve.
Great Grandmother.....Molloy.
My Love is Come.....Mrzials.
The Two Marys.....Whitley.

NEW DANCE MUSIC.

Messenger of Love Waltz.....Conte.
La Mascotte Quadrille.....Dermsart.
Violette's Valse.....Waldteufel.
La Mascotte Valse.....Waldteufel.
Claire de Lune Valse.....Volli.
Venetian Valse.....Lorothian.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG. [1]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE
OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR,
AND
HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL DONOVAN.

THE ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA
COMPANY,
WILL GIVE THEIR
FIFTH PERFORMANCE
ON SATURDAY EVENING,
25TH MARCH, 1882.

when will be produced VERDI'S Splendid Opera,
"UN BALLO IN MASCHERA."

DRAMATIS PERSONA:
RICCARDO (Conte di Walsch).....Signor VANZETTI.
RENATO (Creolo).....Signor CIOCCI.
AMELIA.....Signora LUCCI.
ULRICA.....Signora SILINI.
OSCAR (a Page).....Signora PINELLI.
SILVANO.....Signor PATIERNO.
SAMUELE.....Signor CORTI.
TAMMASO.....Signor CORTI.

USA (serva d'Amelia).....Signora BERTOLINI.
Chorus, Deputies, Officers, Marines, Guards,
Populace, Partisans of sa suole and Tommaso,
Servants, Masqueraders, &c.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES:
FAMILY TICKETS—Admitting 3 Persons,
6 Nights.....\$30.00
SINGLE TICKET—Admitting 1 Person, 6
Nights.....\$14.00
STALLS—For 3 Persons, 6 Nights.....\$20.00
STALLS—For 1 Person, 6 Nights.....\$10.00

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle.....\$3.00
Stalls.....\$2.00
Pit.....\$1.00

The Subscription List is now open at Messrs.
KELLY & WALSH'S.

Tickets may be obtained of Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH, and at the Doors on the night of the
Performance.

Doors open at 8.30 P.M.; Performance to com-
mence at 9 P.M. sharp.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot
be admitted.

A. HOFELICH,
Director and Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1882. [144]

NOTICE.

COLONEL IRE AUSTIN'S
NEW AMERICAN
RIFLE RANGE,
IS NOW OPEN AT THE UNITED CLUB, STAUNTON
STREET, OPPOSITE THE UNION CHURCH,
WHERE INSTRUCTIONS ARE FREE OF
CHARGE.

BELL TARGETS!!! FLYING and STATIONARY
BIRDS THAT DISAPPEAR WHEN HIT!!!
ENGLISH and AMERICAN SPORTING
RIFLES!!!

Galleries open daily from 4 to 12 P.M., to all
respectable members of the community.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1882. [145]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

M. GUEDES.
HOUSE AND LAND BROKER,
No. 33, WELLINGTON-STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [62]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr.
LEONG LUEN PO in Our Firm
CEASES FROM THIS DATE.

MEE KEE & Co.
Taiwanfo, 1st March, 1882. [143]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

GRAND MATINEE PERFORMANCE
ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH, 1882,
FOR LADIES and CHILDREN,
(BY GENERAL DESIRE),
MUSICAL, NECROMANCY, INSTRU-
MENTAL, VOCAL and COMICAL
PERFORMANCE,
BY
PROFESSOR RUCHWALDY.

THE CELEBRATED HUNGARIAN WIZARD,
With his Great Talented
THREE FANFAN CHILDREN,
SAM, NATZI, RUDOL,
9, 7, and 5 YEARS OLD.

GRAND SUCCES.
Mlle. KATHARINA,
3 YEARS OLD;
LE VOILA NICOLA,
AND
MADAME RUCHWALDY,
PIANISTE, PUPIL OF THE GREAT VIRTUOSO
LIST.

The Programme will be so arranged that Ladies,
Children, and Gentlemen, who witness Perfor-
mance will be highly gratified.

EVERY CHILD TO RECEIVE A PRESENT.
NO DECAPITATION ACTS.

Doors open at TWO P.M.; Performance to
commence at THREE O'CLOCK, precisely.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
For all Seats.....\$1.00.

Tickets to be obtained at Messrs. LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co.'s, and at the Doors on the Day
of Performance.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1882. [177]

Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the
Undersigned on or before NOON of THURSDAY,
the 13th proximo, for the supply of 1,600
tons of TARIKIMA COAL, deliverable at the
Naval Coal Depot, Kowloon, in accordance with
the conditions on the printed Tender, which can
be obtained on application to the Naval Store-
keeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is
reserved.

E. B. JOREY,
Naval Storekeeper.

H.M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1882. [168]

Intimations.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE,
Nos. 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14,
BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,
Opposite the City Hall.

HOUSES or ROOMS FURNISHED THROUGHOUT
ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

FURNITURE, PIANOS, &c.,
FOR SALE or HIRE.

A GOOD SELECTION OF BOOKS.
Some Choice Original Oil Paintings and Water
Colours, Chromos, Engravings, &c.

A FEW PIECES OF OLD PORCELAIN and OTHER
WARE.

CHINESE and JAPANESE CURIOS.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [163]

Intimations.

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
As only a limited number will be printed orders
should be sent without delay to the
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE,
No. 6, Peddar's Hill.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1882. [151]

Intimations.

HONGKONG CIVILIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

TO BE HELD ON
THE CRICKET GROUND,
T O M O R R O W,
23rd March, 1882,
COMMENCING AT 2 P.M.

Open to Members and Visitors of the Hongkong
Club, the Club Germania, Commissioned Naval
and Military Officers, and to Members of the
Hongkong Cricket Club and the Victoria Re-
creation Club, who joined on or before March
1st, 1882.

COMMITTEE:
Rev. F. C. STEPHENSON, Lieut. O. E. RUCK, R.E.
R.N. H. G. FINCHAM, Esq.,
Capt. F. A. NEWING, D.A.C.G.
Hon. W. M. DEANE,
Capt. HOWARTH (The Dr. CROUTH,
Bulls), A. COXON, Esq.,
Lieut. B. F. HOLME, H. FOSS, Esq.,
(The Bulls), W. HYNES, Esq.,
Lieut. J. CHARLEY, R. K. LEIGH, Esq.,
R.I.F. H. J. H. TRIPP, Esq.,
E. MACKEAN, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

PROGRAMME:
1.—PUTTING THE SHOT.—No follow. One Hand,
7 foot 6 in. 16-lb. shot.

2.—LONG JUMP.—Winners of 1st prizes at previous
meetings to be penalised 6 inches.

3.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Winners at pre-
vious meetings to be penalised 2 yards.

4.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—Winners
at previous meetings to be penalised 5 yards.

5.—120 YARDS HURDLE RACE.—Winners at
previous meetings to be penalised 5 yards.

6.—BOYS' FLAT RACE, 200 YARDS.—Age under
15. Open to European schools.

7.—HIGH JUMP.—Winners at previous meetings
to be penalised 2 inches.

8.—QUARTER MILE FLAT RACE.

9.—TUG OF WAR (Trial Heats).

10.—VETERANS' FLAT RACE, 120 YARDS (Handi-
cap).—Open to all of 30 years old and upwards.
Winners of open events at this meeting to be
penalised 5 yards for each win.

11.—300 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap).—
Handicap to be declared after the Quarter
Mile Flat Race.

12.—OBSTACLE RACE.

13.—ONE MILE FLAT RACE.—Winner of 1st
Prize at one meeting to be penalised two yards;
at two meetings to be penalised 150 yards.

14.—CONSOLATION, 120 YARDS FLAT RACE.—
Open to all competitors who have not won a
Prize.

15.—INTERNATIONAL TUG OF WAR.—Eight men
a side. All to be pulled over. Nationality to
be decided by that of the father.

N.B.—Entries to be sent in in writing to the
Honorary Secretary, H.C.A.S., Hongkong
Club. Entries close at 6 P.M. on MONDAY,
the 20th March, 1882.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1882. [171]

FOR SALE.

GENUINE MADEIRA WINE, 1879,
\$22 PER DOZEN.

OLD SUPERIOR PORT (BASTARDOS),
\$15 PER DOZEN.

Apply to
L. THEVENIN,
Hongkong Hotel Building,
Hongkong, 21st March, 1882. [178]

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that, by Bill of
Sale dated the 8th of November, 1879,
and duly Registered in the Supreme Court on
the 17th of November, 1879, the late EDWARD
CHARLES CHASTEL did assign unto WILLIAM
MCGREGOR SMITH all the STOCK-IN-TRADE,
MACHINERY, PROPERTY, GOODS, THINGS, and
EFFECTS therein mentioned, situate at No. 15,
Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, and also the
BOOK DEB

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by correspondents in this column.]

THE ATHLETIC SHORTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR:—There are lots of boys who want to run in the sports, but it won't be fair to give some boys no start as they are not so old as the others. The gentlemen tell us we are all to start from scratch, so that many of us won't have any chance at all, and a gentleman told me to write to you about it, and get it altered. Please do if you can and get us all a chance and justice.
Yours &c.,
FAIRPLAY.

Hongkong, 22nd March.

Our little friend greatly over-estimates our influence; but we have nevertheless very much pleasure in giving publicity to his suggestion, which we think a very sensible one, and worthy of the Committee's best consideration. As the majority of these boys have previously run in races, there should exist no difficulty whatever in making a satisfactory handicap.—Ed. Telegraph.

AMOI.

The annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Amoy Seamen's Club was held on Wednesday the 13th instant at 5.30 p.m. in the Reading-room. The Rev. D. Kanjia was requested to take the chair. The meeting having been opened with prayer, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read. The Treasurer submitted his report which showed a balance in hand on January 1st, 1882, of \$46.55. The report was accepted. The Treasurer was requested to draw up a statement of accounts for the last two years, submit the same to the committee, and solicit subscriptions for the carrying on of the Institution. A list of thanks was accorded to all donors of books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers, &c.

The following charters were effected in Amoy during the past fortnight:—

Louise, 7,500 peculs, Foochow to Tientsin, 15 days, \$2,400.
Sibirion, 9,000 peculs, Foochow to Tientsin, 18 days, \$2,880.

Oscar Meyer, 8,700 peculs, Taiwanfo, Chefoo, and Amoy, 30 days, \$2,725.

Alfred, 3,800 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 15 days, \$1,775. (After completion of her Takao-Yokohama voyage).

Hironymus, 11,000 peculs, 7 to 10 months, at \$125 per month.

Hannonia, 9,000 peculs, 7 to 10 months, at \$110 per month.

Minda, 10,500 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 25 days, 28 cents per pecul.

Eden, 8,000 peculs, 2 to 3 months, at \$120 per month.

Blaukenete, 6,000 peculs, Taiwanfo, Tientsin, Newchwang, back to Amoy, 30 days, \$3,400.—Gazette.

FOOCHOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 16th.

Foochow is such a dull place for news, that items of local interest come few and far between and news from the outside is hailed with interest. Amongst the Chinese circle of officials, (as well as *pendo* ones) here, there is much talk over the contemplated resignation of the Viceroy as well as of several other high officials. The Viceroy has been severely criticised by the Imperial Censors at Peking, but of what offence or offences has not yet transpired. The Imperial Arsenal Commissioner has been (metaphorically) "haunted over the coals" since the recent dismissal of several of the Chinese gunboat captains who have been replaced by inexperienced know-nothings. The old captains (Captain Lew Buh and others) are likely to be reinstated, and your readers will doubtless be pleased to learn that Captain Lew Buh is to receive full compensation for the time he has been unjustly deprived of his employment. The general idea is that foreigners will once more hold full sway over naval matters in China, and retain the same until China shall be able to superintend her own Navy.

Fine weather has prevailed now for some time and the River Course is dry and hard; still a few drops of water on both outer and inner course will not come amiss. The races, which come off on the 11th and 12th proximo, promise to afford good sport if the weather holds. On the 11th, from twenty to twenty-five ponies will put in an appearance, or rather, will be entered. I may possibly be able to send you a few "tips" and "notes" in a few days.

The paper chase which was to have come off on Thursday last proved a *fiasco*, only four or five parties being present at the "meet," although it was reported that some twenty odd Russian men-of-war's men were to take part in the anticipated "run."

News has reached my ears (though it doesn't concern this port) which may be of interest. It is said that General Adame, lately United States Consul General at London, is to receive the appointment United States Minister to China. General Adame is very nearly related to General Grant. From what I learn about the matter, I understand that General Adame will accept the same, principally owing to the glowing account given him by General Grant, of China and its people.

SHANGHAI.

March 16th.

Nothing of much interest went on this morning. One of Mr. Fungus' griffins did three quarters of a mile in 1.31, or 1.30, weight up. The "composer" was playing on a rather refractory musical instrument, a bay griffin, but he mastered the difficult passage, and went on *adagio*. Amongst the quarters we may note a gray from the Ewo lot, who did 281 seconds, and the rattled spotted pony, who did 29 seconds. The entries close on the 8th April, so there is plenty of time for owners to find out what their griffins are made of, and invest their entrance fees well. There are a number of fine looking ponies on the course, but it is still 23 days before we can find out their names.

Six subscriptions griffins were sent over to Yokohama by the last steamer. They were selected by one of our stewards out of the steamer mob; they are fine looking ponies and the old China ponies in Yokohama will have to look to their laurels.—*Mercator*.

A ball under the auspices of the Freemasons of Shanghai will take place this evening the 16th inst. at the Masonic Hall, which no doubt will be largely attended. On an inspection of the premises to-day everything seems to have been done for the comfort and convenience of the guests, and from a decorative point of view the ball room and its approaches will surpass anything of the kind seen this season.

An accident that terminated fatally occurred on board the steamship *Agamemnon* on the 13th instant. It appears that a Chinese youth who was an apprentice to a Chinese shoemaker went on board the ship late in the afternoon, with a string of shoes, for the purpose of disposing of some of them. The boy seems to have been a favourite with the crew, who on this occasion were having some fun with him. In the course of the "skylarking," the boy fell down

one of the hatchways. He was picked up in an almost insensible state, and was attended to on the vessel, and was subsequently sent home. He died an hour after reaching the house of his master. The matter was duly reported to the police and a visit was paid to the ship to investigate the affair. Captain Willing, afforded every facility for the conducting of this investigation, having mustered the crew and noted the statements of eye-witnesses of what took place. From these it was clear that the occurrence was purely accidental, and no blame was attached to any of the crew. The captain of the ship is deserving of praise for the action he took in this unpleasant matter, which might have had a different climax if what it has been not for the satisfactory results of this investigation.—*Courier*.

NAGASAKI.

March 11th.

The Chinese ex-Minister and ex-Vice-Minister to Japan passed through in the *Gunboat Mary* on Monday last, en route to Peking, having been relieved by the officials who came over in the man-of-war *Yugano*.

A report has reached us from Ota *ken* that a revolt broke out among the peasantry there. Much property of the wealthy inhabitants was destroyed, and great difficulty was experienced in restoring quiet.

The German barque *Friedrich*, 140 days out from Cronstadt, bound to Russia with a cargo of flour, put in here on Saturday last to await the opening of the Northern ports, at present ice-bound. She will probably have to remain about a month.

The British barque *Anglo-Indian* arrived from Cardiff, with a full cargo of coal from that port, on Monday last, after an uneventful passage extending over 185 days. She left again on Wednesday morning, bound to Yokohama, with original cargo on board.

In future, *clandestine* vessels will be presented by the Government to officers of foreign ships who rescue shipwrecked Japanese mariners, instead of letters of thanks, as hitherto. The idea of this alteration is, that the articles thus given will not fail to attract the attention of their countrymen, and produce an increase in their exportation.

We are glad to hear that Sir Harry Parkes has been consented to accept the presidency of the Nippon Race Club, in place of Mr. Kennedy. As we are principally through Sir Harry's exertions that the present race course was obtained, and as he has always been willing to assist the sport in every possible manner, no more suitable president could have been found.

On the 27th ultimo the trial of Mr. Kadota on the charge of insulting the Emperor's portrait took place in the Osaka *saibansho*, about 150 spectators being present. Mr. Kimura, a lawyer, appeared for the defence, and asked under what law punishment was sought to be inflicted.

Mr. Inami, the procurator, replied "under the 11th article of the Criminal Code, but as the prisoner is under 20 years of age, namely, 18 years and 4 months, the prescribed punishment is 18 months, police supervision under the 81st article." Mr. Yamashita then remarked that the mere possession of the Emperor's portrait constituted an offence. Mr. Kondo, the informer and principal witness for the prosecution, deposed to the exclamation "foolish Emperor!" but was unable to say whether it proceeded from the accused or some one else. A long discussion then took place respecting a disturbance between the witnesses for the prosecution and defence, and at half-past three o'clock the Court adjourned. The Judge stating that he would give his decision on a future day.—*Rising Sun*.

IRON ARMOUR AND WOODEN WALLS.

The British nation has not been engaged in a war with another maritime power since ironclad vessels began to be constructed for the navy, and it is not improbable there will be a return to the "wooden walls of old England" before the efficiency of the British ironclads has had occasion to be practically tested by exposure to the shot of guns fired in earnest. The accidental collision between the *Iron Duke* and the *Pan-gaurd* showed, what many had suspected before, that the effect of an intentional collision between two ironclads would almost certainly be that of sending both ships to the bottom in a few minutes. Confidence in our ironclad navy was not improved by the similarly disastrous accidental collision between the *König Wilhelm* and the *Grosser Kurfürst*, both belonging to the German navy; and then the last war between Russia and Turkey showed that whatever protection armour plating might afford from the shot of an ironclad was worse than useless against the power of torpedoes, because of its ponderosity increasing the difficulty of getting out of their way.

A few ironclads will probably continue to be a portion of the navy of every maritime power, but there is little doubt that much lighter and swifter vessels will ere long be chiefly relied upon for national defence.

Sir William Armstrong, in a recent address delivered at the Institute of Civil Engineers, showed that in case of a war with another maritime power, the whole fabric of British commerce would be threatened, and the nation reduced to a condition of absolute famine, as England does not produce food enough to support her people, and does not possess a fleet that could protect her merchant vessels against the numbers of cruisers and privateers that would be sure to be let loose against them by the enemy.

The ironclads are too few in number to be spared for guardians of convoys, even if they were suited for the purpose, but they are not well adapted to carry coal enough, to be fit to act as water dogs to the swift ocean steamers that now plough the seas in all directions. Vessels can be constructed so as to cost only one-third as much as ironclads and yet carry an equally formidable armament. It is possible, by new modes of construction, to make such vessels extremely swift and manageable, and though not impervious to shot, yet practically unsinkable by artillery, by dividing them into watertight compartments. But ironclads can never be made invulnerable to shot, because the thickness of armour plating is limited by its requiring to be sufficiently light for a vessel to float with it, and there with a gun could not be constructed sufficiently powerful to penetrate. Nothing is invulnerable against torpedoes, but a light, swift, and manageable vessel has a better chance against them than the ponderous ironclad with her enormous weight of armour always giving her a greater tendency to go to the bottom of the sea than anywhere else. There has not yet been time to hear much experience of ironclads, but what experience there has been enough to show that when they are badly wounded they go to the bottom in a remarkably short space of time.

In the event of an ironclad running down an unarmoured vessel, the latter would of course get the worst of it, but the unarmoured vessel being the faster and more manageable one could easily keep out of the way of the other. A revolution in naval architecture seems to be imminent at no very distant date, and it is highly probable that the generation that saw the introduction of ironclads will not have passed away before they are nearly discarded.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

We take the following items from our San Francisco file received by the O. and O. Steamship Co.'s steamer *Gedvie* yesterday afternoon:—

NEW YORK, February 12th.

The *World's* cablegram from London says: Comparatively few papers comment on the Clayton-Bulwer correspondence. The general feeling is that the question raised by Blaine has no direct reference to present events, and that either he had something in the background or approached the subject in entire ignorance of the facts. The belief is firmly fixed here that no serious difference of opinion can possibly arise between the people of the two countries on this question, and therefore excites no uneasiness.

There is no news of any importance from Ireland. Informers are springing up all over the country, and the Castle finds it easy work to deal with the League and the Fenians. "When informers appear on the Irish stage it may be taken for granted that the ice is rotten. Mr. Foster, who is almost as unpopular among the Liberals as among the Parliaments, is able to confound his Irish enemies in the House by relating the details of the persecution of the Fenians, and the attempts on his life and the barbarous cruelties perpetrated by unscrupulous patriots upon dumb animals. Violence is easily work to deal with the League and the Fenians. "When informers appear on the Irish stage it may be taken for granted that the ice is rotten. 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